



**Annual Report from the President
October 7, 2005**

The READS Executive Board began this year with a goal of increasing awareness of our organization within the state and ensuring that we are addressing the needs of all of our members. We also hoped to inject some new energy into READS by creating more opportunities for New Hampshire librarians to share and learn from each other.

In pursuing these goals, we accomplished the following:

- Established a READS calendar so members can plan for events in advance
- Established a new service award, the READS Award of Excellence, to be presented to an individual who provides outstanding service in the reference and adult service area
- Increased our presence on the web. The READS website now features our section bylaws, Executive Board meeting minutes, handouts from programs, criteria and nomination forms for the READS Award of Excellence, in addition to general membership and contact information
- Revised our bylaws to provide for continued growth and continuity in our organization

The Executive Board also established a framework for three new READS committees: Membership, Public Relations and Award Selection. READS now has more than 150 members. It is our hope that these committees will provide opportunities for both personal and professional development.

On another note, the Executive Board was sad to see our President, Heather Shumway, step down mid-way through her term, but supported her decision as she undertook a new challenge as the Director of the Hooksett Public Library. In the spirit of growth and desire for continuity within the organization, the Board asked Heather to remain on the Executive Board in the role of “Past-President” and “Award Selection Committee Chair.”

Finally, I would like to thank the Executive Board for all their hard work throughout the year, as well as the Program Committee for their dedication and willingness to try new formats. I would also like to thank the libraries in New London, Conway, and Derry, Colby Sawyer College and Kimball Union Academy for the use of their facilities during our programs.